



## **Portsmouth Boat Club**

### **2025 Barnacle Series**

#### **Spring Series - April**

**19<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>,  
May 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Summer/Fall Series –**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Aug 30<sup>th</sup>,  
September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturdays,  
10:05am Start**

## **Notice of Race**

**Purpose:** This Race is intended to promote friendly, yet competitive, sailboat racing and racers are expected to recognize and allow for the mixed skill levels of their competitors.

**Classes:** There will be classes for sailboats at least 20' length-on-deck (LOD). If in doubt, the Race Committee (RC) will determine eligibility. The class splits shall be determined to promote competition by similarly performing vessels. Three boats shall normally be entered to establish an individual class. "PHRF of the Chesapeake" ratings or the US Sailing database will be used as required. If a competitor does not have a current PHRF certificate, a courtesy rating will be assigned by the RC; this rating is final and cannot be protested.

**Format:** The race will be held on the Elizabeth River, starting and finishing between the starting flag on the Seawall south of Tidewater Yacht Marina or a nearby anchored RC boat and the flagpole on the end of the ship repair pier northwest of the Berkley bridge at Washington point on the Norfolk side of the river. Government marks will be used to define the course. The race sequence will start at 10:00 AM with the first actual start at **10:05AM**. See the Sailing Instructions for full information. The course selection shall be displayed at the Start line 10 minutes before the start of the race.

### **MONITOR VHF CHANNEL 72 to stay up to date on any changes for START & FINISH LINE**

**Rules:** The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 US Sailing/ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. Each competitor will comply with all Federal, State and Local laws and safety requirements. Modifications to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Notice Board no less than twenty-four hours before the next race start or announced by the RC via a "come within hail" flag. Stay tuned to and check the Notice Board from time-to-time since all official modifications or changes of information shall only be required to be posted on the Notice Board. The URL for the Notice Board and Barnacles Race web-page will be e-mailed to you on or prior to March 17, 2025.

**Skipper's Meeting:** There will be a short Skipper's Meeting on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Boat Club located at 20 Elm Avenue, Portsmouth, VA 23704. Make sure to read, print and follow all Sailing Instructions. All communication regarding the race will be via email or text.

**Race after party:** There will be a race party at the Club after each Race. The Club is located at

**Portsmouth Boat Club, 20 Elm Avenue, Portsmouth, VA 23704.** The Club will provide burgers and hot dogs from the grill along with your favorite sides such as baked beans and chips. Everyone is invited for fellowship and the sharing of greatly embellished sailing stories and all the reason why you didn't win that night's race. **There will be a \$6.00 fee to cover the food cost.** Please bring cash or check to "feed the shark". Check should be made out to Portsmouth Boat Club.

**Entry: No entry fee for the event.**

Each skipper shall register on line at the Notice Board, Registrations shall be due to the RC no later than the **April 18th, 8:00pm**. Late registrations will be accepted during each series, but competitors WILL NOT BE SCORED until registration is complete.

**If you have any questions, contact [jimmyschools@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmyschools@yahoo.com) or 757 771-1586 cell.**